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For: COMPRESSOR HAVING A	)	
DISCHARGE VALVE MECHANISM	)	
INCLUDING A VALVE RETAINER	)	
HAVING A SPECIALLY-DESIGNED	)	
CURVED SURFACE	)	

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Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) inform Applicants' representative of the status of the above-captioned patent application.

Respectfully submitted,  
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